

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross reference to the previously filed International Application.

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. Claims 7 and 12 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

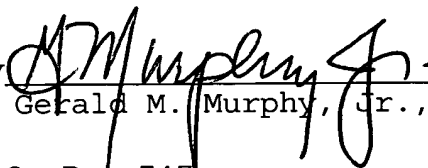
Conclusion

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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